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In re Patent Application of
PIRRUNG et al
Serial No. 09/871,699
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Title: A METHOD OF ATTACHING A BIOPOLYMER TO A SOLID SUPPORT

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Examiner: Tran, M.
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In response to the Examiners requirement for restriction, set forth in the Office Action dated October 2, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group IV (claims 14-18 and 20) for prosecution in this application. The Examiner is requested to reconsider the requirement for restriction and re-join all of the claims for the reasons that follow.

In contending that the inventions of Group I and IV are unrelated, the Examiner states that the "apparatus" of Group IV can be used to practice a materially different process such as protein synthesis. The Examiner provides no basis is provided for this assertion. The Examiner is urged to provide such basis or re-join the subject matter of Group I with that of Group IV.

In asserting that the inventions of Group I and Group III re unrelated the Examiner states that the step of contacting the

support with a bromoacetamidossilane of Group I is not required by the claims of Group III (claims 11-13). However, claim 11 states that a bromoacetamide group is present on the support. The Examiner is thus urged to re-join the subject matter of Groups I and III with that of Group IV.

As regards Group II, the Examiner makes reference to the usefulness of the product of this Group in "the process of polymer film". The Examiner is urged to clarify the nature of the process intended or re-join the claims of Group II with those of Group I, III and IV.

It is respectfully submitted that no undue burden would be placed on the Examiner if all of the claims were to be considered in the same application.

Reconsideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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